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SUBJ: PAKS POSTPONE TALKS WITH INDIA AS RESULT NUCLEAR TEST

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TO NEWSMEN JUNE 1 THAT PAKISTAN HAD PROPOSED TO INDIA POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED TALKS ON RESTORATION COMMUNICATION AND TRAVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BECAUSE "THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BECOME UNFAVORABLE FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME" AS RESULT OF MAY 18 INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST. ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN, TALKS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED BEGIN JUNE 10 AT ISLAMABAD, GOP HAVING COMMUNICATED ITS CONFIRMATION OF THIS DATE TO DELHI ON MY 17, JUST ONE DAY BEFORE INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST. ASKED HOW LONG TALKS MIGHT BE POSTPONED, HE SAID GOP FELT THEY SHOULD NOT BE RESCHEDULED UNTIL ATMOSPHERE

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WAS MORE FAVORABLE. PAKS DO NOT HAVE ANY PRECISE FORMULA TO

IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE, BUT GOP HAD MADE CERTAIN PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY ASSURANCES FROM THE FIVE ORIGINAL NUCLEAR POWERS AND HOPED THEY WOULD RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

2. SPOKESMAN SAID PRIMIN BHUTTO HAD NOT YET REPLIED TO LETTER FROM PRIMIN GANDHI BUT WOULD DO SO IN DUE COURSE.

3. COMMENT: NO QUESTION THAT PAKS ARE GENUINELY AND DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST, AND ARE CONVINCED THAT A MAJOR INDIAN PURPOSE IN GOING NUCLEAR IS TO INTIMIDATE PAKISTAN. AT SAME TIME GOP VERY MUCH ASWARE THAT INDIAN TEST HAS BEEN UNFAVORABLY RECEIVED BY MUCH OF WORLD, AND IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO EXPLOIT THIS TO INDIAN DISADVANTAGE. POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED JUNE 10 TALKS PRESUMABLY IS ONE MORE WAY TO IMPRESS UPON WORLD GOP'S ALARM AND TO REINFORCE PAK DEMANDS FOR MAJOR POWER SECURITY GUARANTEE AGAINST INDIAN "NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL". IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE TO DETERMINE HOW LONG PAKS PLAN TO DELAY TALKS.
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